

Saltash Area Newsletter

For our parishes in Saltash, Landrake and Botus Fleming

February 2018

The Road Ahead

Discerning God's Vision and Mission for the Saltash Area Parish Churches

"Where there is no vision the people perish" Proverbs 29:18

At a recent churchwardens' and PCC meetings, we have begun to think about and discuss the future of our parishes. In other words we have begun to think about our vision for the future. The word "Vision" is simply the description of something – a structure, organisation, church etc. – in the future. For example, what headlines would we like to see on the front page of our local newspaper with the good news about what was happening in our parish churches in say five years' time or so. Once we know where we are headed we can then begin to head in the right direction that will lead us to our vision. As Lewis Carroll said: "If you don't know where you are going any road can take you there"!

Some of the questions that I believe we must address are: What sort of Parish Church are we in our different locations and what sort of parish church would we like to be? Who is attending the church? Who would we like to attend services and who aren't already doing so? Where and who is God calling us to be at this time in the parishes in which we serve? These and other questions are important to help us to discern our vision for the future.

In order to begin our discernment process, I have invited Revd. Tony Stephens to lead and facilitate a meeting to help us to discern God's vision and mission here in the Saltash area. [The meeting will take place at 10.00am on Saturday March 3rd at St. Stephens Church. The meeting will finish at 2.30pm.](#) The future of the church is important so I would urge you all to put the date in your diary to come along and be a part of this discernment process.

As I said earlier, the word "Vision" is simply the description of something – a structure, organisation, church etc. – in the future. This meeting will be an opportunity to focus on our "vision" – i.e. a time to focus on the future and what our parish churches want to become and the role they are to play in our local

communities. Having purpose and meaning are crucial to our future. I pray that you will want to take part in discerning God's will for us here in the Saltash area.

So please remember, Saturday March 3rd, 10.00am – 2.30pm – St. Stephens Church....and look out for the sign-up sheets so that we have an idea of how many will be attending

Every blessing. Yours in Christ

Cathy

Acknowledgements and Grateful Thanks

To begin, we all owe a grateful thank-you to all who supported and helped at our events in December and over the Christmas period.

These activities included:

1. An amazingly busy Christmas Shopping Evening with the great support by the lads of Ocean City Sound who made the event a memorable one. So, our thanks to all who helped and supported this event which raised £767.41.
2. In early December we held a Christmas Concert featuring the The Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir and featured our very own organist, Darren Jane. In an enjoyable evening of Carols and festive songs some £336.11 was raised.
3. In January we held the first of three monthly Soup and Puddings lunches. This was extremely well attended causing us to run out of Soup (yes, it was that good!). This happy community event raised £165.00.

So, by bringing our community together for fun and socialising, we also raised a total of [£1268.52](#) – who says business and pleasure can't mix!

News & Events



Many congratulations to George Hawke who was commissioned as a Local Worship Leader in St. Mellion by Archdeacon Audrey Elkington, on Sunday 14th January.

George has been licensed to all our parishes. Seven others from the Deanery were also commissioned along with George.

Worship teams are called to proclaim the good news of the loving kindness of God in Christ by creating and leading corporate acts of prayer and praise, enabling the People of God to share that celebration of word and sacrament which truly binds us together. They are indeed signs of God at work. As a Local Worship Leader George has been called to:

- Proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.
- Seek and serve Christ in all people, loving his neighbour as himself
- Strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being
- Be diligent in prayer and, give of himself with generosity and joy and be a true colleague to those with whom he shares this ministry.

For our part we, the People of God, are called to support and pray for George and all Local Worship Leaders as they seek to serve Christ and bring glory to His Name. Once again congratulations to George.

Food-bank and poverty

You may be pleased to know that during 2017 - St Stephens along with St. Nicholas & St. Faith - donated 373.8 kg of food to the Saltash Food-bank. Equally, you may be saddened to hear that it very much remains needed for a number of families in our community. Not only did our contributions help sustain the food-bank through the year, it was often items they really required to fill gaps in on their shelves. We are told the 'Bank' is very grateful for our contributions on behalf of those families in need and a Certificate of Appreciation will be presented at the next Saltash Churches Together Meeting. This is from Lesley Margetts, Hon. Sec. Saltash Food bank.

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Christian Aid

Gordon Richards reminds us that the Christian Aid Money Boxes are now available in St Stephens' (see Gordon if you'd like one). These need to be returned by the end of April

Food, Craft and Gift Fair – Saturday 3rd February -10am to 2pm – Free Entry

The first Fair of 2018 will provide another great selection of products from traders across Cornwall and Devon. Many favourite traders are returning as well as many new ones. A sample attending are:- *Amanda's Glass, Bigplacebythesea, Charity Crafters, Chip Off The Old Block, Cornish Claytoncrafts, Cornish Gouda Co, Cornish Pudding Company, Emmagination Jewellery, Everything Cornish, Kerensa Aval, Lyndes Crafty Bits, Moor Stitches and Shades, Saltash Bakery, Saponista's Artisan Soap, Scattybun and Trehill Farm Produce.*

In addition, our own fundraising Stalls will be there including Barbara Wellbourn's very popular Cake Stall, Heather's Handicrafts, Cards, New Books for all ages, Stationery and a Raffle.

Refreshments will be served throughout the event, including popular bacon rolls, home-made soup and cakes. It's going to be a great event, good fun and raise a few pennies for the parish, so please pop along - it will be great to see you! Free Entry.

Luke Does Bubl  – Friday 16th February – 7.30pm Start

A leading Michael Bubl  Tribute Act, considered by many as the very best substitute for the real thing *Luke Does Bubl * is a masterpiece of singing, personality and stage presence recreation. If the Bubl  vocal fires you with passion, then you're not going to want to miss the opportunity to see Luke live. Tickets are priced at  5 (accompanied Under 16's are free) and are available from Roger Rowse (843766) or John Petherbridge following Sunday 10am Service or Wednesday 10.30am Service. Also available at Piglets in Fore Street, Saltash or you can pay on the night. Doors open 6.45pm for 7.30pm Start. Check out *Luke Does Bubl * on YouTube.

St Stephen's Soup & Pudding Lunch Saturday 24th February 11.30am – 1.30pm

The 3 home-made soups on offer this month are: Carrot and Coriander, Parsnip and Tomato & Basil. There are also a selection of great puddings all at  5 per person - Pay on the day. Meet and catch up with friends as all are welcome.

Botus Fleming Soup and Pudding Lunch

In the Botus Fleming Church Hall there are scheduled both Lunches and Coffee mornings:

1. Wednesday 7th February Soup, Roll & Puddings Lunch 12-2pm
2. Wednesday 21st February - Coffee Morning from 10am

Please do come along and meet up with your friends for a chat and socialise.

Shrove Tuesday

Yes, its mention of Pancake Day already! To celebrate on Tuesday the 13th February St Stephens is holding the annual event between 3 to 5 pm. Please see the Notice Boards nearer the time. Yes, and, as you know, Lent follows!

Easy Fundraising on your Internet shopping...

Ray Wills, our Treasurer, informs us that there is a 'Good Causes' scheme for those that use the internet when shopping 'on line' to earn money for our parish Churches. This scheme donates a percentage of your purchase to any 'good cause' you have selected, (for example, St Stephen's). Log on to the "Easyfundraising" website, and enter St Stephen – by - Saltash Church in the good causes box, then go to the site where you are shopping, order and pay for your goods in the normal manner.

From all the purchases made on this basis, we will then get a payment every quarter based on the percentage of the purchases. No extra cost to you but the Churches get a donation – simple!

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Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal

A big thank you to everyone who in any way supported the Shoe Box Appeal. Two hundred and forty one boxes were taken to the Plymouth depot and over three thousand boxes left Plymouth for their onward journey. Their final destination either Albania or Belarus. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a Christian International Relief Organisation. Since 1993 it has delivered gift filled shoe boxes to over 146 million children in more than 100 countries.

Margaret Dell

More Information from Rev'd Cathy and the Treasurer.



We wrote to you back in June to announce that we will donate £130 to your church for every new home insurance policy taken out.

The good news is that many parishes have already benefited from the donations. Due to this success, we are extending the offer until the end of December 2018.

Following feedback from our customers we have now included an electronic version of the [poster](#), as well as a [print version](#) for your parish magazines.

For full details of the offer, [terms and conditions](#), as well as posters and print adverts, and the [Step by Step Guide](#), please go to www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130.

If you would like any more information please call **0800 7830 130**.

With warmest wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Angell".

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